

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jones et al.)
Serial No.: NYA) Examiner: NYA
Int'l Appln. No.: PCT/EP00/01446) Art Unit: NYA
Filing Date: 11 Sept 2001) Docket No.: PG3671USW
Title: METERING VALVE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 35 USC 111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows. A clean copy of the amended claims is provided herein. Kindly substitute the clean version of the amended claims (as set forth in Appendix A) for the pending claims having the same claim number. A marked-up version of the claim amendments is set forth as follows.